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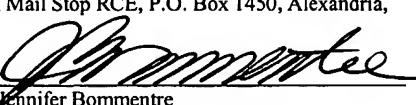
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: TABANI ET AL. Examiner: S. CHAUDHRY
Serial No.: 10/091,201 Group Art Unit: 1746
Filed: MARCH 5, 2002 Docket No.: 14605.1USI2
Title: METHOD FOR CLEANING HOLLOW TUBING AND FIBERS

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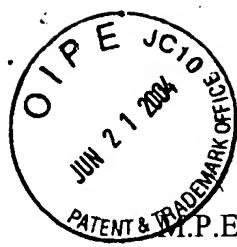
Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 or a CPA under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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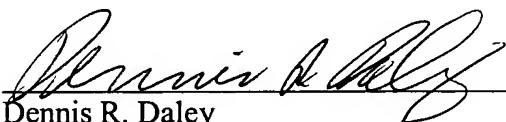


Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of I.P.T.O. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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	4,695,385	09/22/1987	BOAG			
	5,344,652	09/06/1994	HALL, II ET AL.			
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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)						
		Leypoldt, John K. & Cheung, Alfred K., "Characterization of Molecular Transport in Artificial Kidneys," Artificial Organs, International Society for Artificial Organs, Vol. 20, No. 5, Pages 381-389, January 1996.				

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